

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02019-TNM**

SOLOMON v. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/08/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/08/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6238226) filed by JOHN SOLOMON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Summons to Department of State, # <u>3</u> Summons Summons to Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons Summons to U.S. Attorney's Office)(Gustafson, Adam) (Attachment 1 replaced on 7/10/2019) (zeg). (Entered: 07/08/2019)
07/08/2019	<u>2</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Kimberly S. Hermann, :Firm- Southeastern Legal Foundation, :Address- 560 W. Crossville Rd., Ste. 104, Roswell, GA 30075. Phone No. - (770) 977-2131. Fax No. - (770) 977-2134 Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090-6238296. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by JOHN SOLOMON

		(Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Declaration of Kimberly S. Hermann, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Gustafson, Adam) (Entered: 07/08/2019)
07/10/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (zeg) (Entered: 07/10/2019)
07/11/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/11/2019	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER establishing procedures for cases before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. The parties are directed to read and strictly comply with the attached Order. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/11/2019. (lctnm3) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting the <u>2</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Attorney Kimberly S. Hermann shall promptly register for this Court's CM/ECF System. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/11/2019. (lctnm3) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/11/2019	<u>5</u>	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE by JOHN SOLOMON re <u>2</u> MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Kimberly S. Hermann, :Firm- Southeastern Legal Foundation, :Address- 560 W. Crossville Rd., Ste. 104, Roswell, GA 30075. Phone No. - (770) 977-2131. Fax No. - (770) 977-2134 Fili . (Gustafson, Adam) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
08/02/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/16/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/15/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Proof of Service to Department of State, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Proof of Service to U.S. Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Proof of Service to U.S. Attorney DC)(Hermann, Kimberly) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
08/02/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/16/2019. RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 7/24/2019. (See Docket Entry <u>6</u> to view documents). (tth) (Entered: 08/06/2019)
08/15/2019	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Mussenden, Paul) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
08/15/2019	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Paul A. Mussenden on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Mussenden, Paul) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
08/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court are a complaint and an answer in this FOIA case. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report proposing a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule should address, among other things, the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an <i>Open America</i> stay is likely in this case, whether a <i>Vaughn</i> index will be required in this case, and a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if required. The parties shall file the Joint Status Report on or before September 6, 2019. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 8/15/2019. (lctnm3) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
08/16/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/6/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 08/16/2019)
09/06/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Mussenden, Paul) (Entered: 09/06/2019)
09/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before November 6, 2019. The report will address the status of the Defendant's search and the parties' negotiations regarding the processing rate and production schedule going forward. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 9/9/2019. (lctnm3) (Entered: 09/09/2019)
09/09/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/6/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 09/09/2019)

11/06/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Mussenden, Paul) (Entered: 11/06/2019)
11/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another report on or before February 11, 2020, which shall update the Court regarding the Defendant's productions and provide a recommendation for further proceedings, if necessary. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 11/8/2019. (lctnm3) (Entered: 11/08/2019)
11/08/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/11/2020. (tg) (Entered: 11/08/2019)